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<i>Group:</i>	3761		
<i>Confirmation No.:</i>	1060		
<i>Application No.:</i>	10/524,957		
<i>Invention:</i>	WOUND PACKING FOR PREVENTING WOUND CLOSURE	}	ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED: November 12, 2007
<i>Inventor:</i>	Robert Petrosenko et al.		
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<i>Examiner:</i>	Bogart, Michael G.	}	}

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2007, please consider amendments and remarks as set forth below. A Supplemental IDS is being filed contemporaneously herewith. The deadline for responding to the 8/10/06 Office Action fell on a Saturday. As such, this Amendment and Reply filed on Monday, November 12, 2007 is considered timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.